

**Description and  
Maintenance instruction  
for the Erma-conversion kit  
- Luger-Pistol (08) -**

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## Introduction and general information

**LUGER and ERMA!** Two great names synonymous with the best in German firearms development. And now, once again, Luger owners and potential Luger owners may be assured of continual pleasure in shooting their Luger pistols at minimum expense through the use of the sensational **new ERMA caliber .22 automatic conversion unit, Model SE 08.**

The Luger is the world's most famous military automatic pistol and was, for years, the standard pistol of the German armed forces as well as those of many other foreign powers. In the United States the Luger has been famous for generations as the best „holding“ and „pointing“ large caliber automatic pistol with inherent features of safety and reliability combined with simplicity of takedown and operation absolutely unique in a weapon of its class. Even today, and even though it has not been produced since 1945, the Luger holds its popularity and value like no other pistol in its class. The new **ERMA .22 automatic conversion unit** is designed for owners of all Luger pistols to enable their use of this pistol with economical caliber .22 Long Rifle ammunition for all target, plinking and practice shooting purposes, while retaining its large caliber potential for times of emergency or need.

The new **ERMA** caliber .22 automatic conversion unit for Luger pistols is a development and improvement of the **ERMA** conversion unit for the Luger which was produced

prior to 1945 for the German armed forces. At the end of World War II the great ERMA factory at Erfurt, Germany, was completely destroyed by the Russians, but has now been re-located and re-built under its old leadership near Munich, Germany, and, once again, with all the skill of generations of master arms makers and the advanced techniques of German tool and die makers and metallurgists, the ERMA factory is producing only the finest in small arms and small arms accessories and conversion units ... products which can be absolutely relied upon in the highest German arms tradition and produced by ERMA, „For Those Who Want The Best“.

INTERARMCO is proud to bring the advanced products of ERMA back to the American market after an absence of many years, for INTERARMCO is certain that American buyers will find that these brilliant new ERMA products were well worth waiting for!

(1.) The new ERMA caliber .22 automatic conversion unit for Luger pistols, Model SE 08, is available for all Model 08 (new model) Luger pistols in all standard barrel lengths in calibers 7.65 mm and 9 mm Parabellum. The new ERMA conversion unit is designed to function perfectly with all types of American caliber .22 Long Rifle ammunition, regular velocity or high-speed loads.

(2.) With the new ERMA caliber .22 automatic conversion unit for Luger pistols, the pistol remains available in its basic caliber for purposes of defense and emergency, but, at the same time, becomes economical to operate as a practice, target and plinking weapon through the use of inexpensive caliber .22 ammunition.

(3.) Training in pistol shooting with the world-famous Luger is thus, through the use of inexpensive caliber .22 Long Rifle ammunition, made exceptionally economical and within the reach of everyone!

(4.) For possible use in an emergency and for defense purposes, correct utilization of a pistol requires a maximum of speed, familiarity of handling, safety and presence of mind. In order to attain these goals, continual practice with live ammunition is necessary. Blank cartridges are no use in this regard, and large caliber ammunition is so expensive as to be prohibitive for daily use or regular practice. The new ERMA caliber .22 automatic conversion unit for Luger pistols, Model SE 08, is the long-awaited solution to this problem.

## **Description and operating instructions**

(5.) The new ERMA caliber .22 automatic conversion unit for Luger pistols, Model SE 08, operates in exactly the same manner as firing the Luger with its regular 7.65 mm or 9 mm loads.

(6.) The new ERMA caliber .22 automatic unit, Model SE 08, consists of the following major parts:

- a) The special insert barrel complete with chamber, adapting sleeve and locking nuts.
- b) The complete breech mechanism (assembly).
- c) The special caliber .22 Luger magazine.

(7.) Regarding a): The special insert barrel is longer than the normal Luger barrel and thus assures exceptional accuracy while at the same time retaining the magnificent „feel“ and balance of the Luger.

(8.) Regarding b): The breech mechanism (assembly) for the special insert barrel has exactly the same toggle joint action as that found in the breech mechanism of all Luger pistols and functions in exactly the same manner.

(9.) Regarding c): The special caliber .22 Luger magazine is designed to take five caliber .22 Long Rifle cartridges. A further cartridge may be initially placed in the chamber, thus assuring a six-round capacity. The over-all dimensions of the special caliber .22 Luger magazine are the same as a regular Luger magazine. The magazine lips of the special caliber .22 Luger magazine are specially formed for maximum strength and durability and are exactly adapted to the form of the Luger pistol when used with the new ERMA caliber .22 automatic conversion unit, Model SE 08.

(10.) Directions for inserting the new ERMA caliber .22 automatic conversion unit, Model SE 08, in the Luger pistol.

(NOTE: The insertion and operating instructions are exactly the same for all New Model 08 Luger pistols regardless of their barrel length or if they are 7.65mm or 9 mm.)

(11.) Assembly of the conversion unit into the pistol is quite simple. First the Luger is field stripped in the usual manner through removal of the side plate, magazine and original breech mechanism. Then the ERMA special insert barrel is inserted in the original Luger barrel through the



breech (rear) end — care should be taken to assure that the extractor notch on the special **ERMA** barrel is on top and lined up with the extractor notch on the original Luger barrel. The adaptable sleeve is then placed over the protruding end of the special **ERMA** insert barrel and the entire insert barrel is then securely fastened into place through adjusting the two lock nuts.

(12.) Once the special insert barrel is firmly and correctly in position, the **ERMA** caliber .22 breech mechanism is inserted in the Luger in exactly the same manner as its original breech mechanism, and it is locked in place through replacing the original Luger master breech mechanism connecting pin, just as in assembling the original Luger.

(13.) The remaining assembly is exactly the same as with the regular Luger assembly: The receiver-barrel group is replaced into the frame and made fast through replacement and securement of the side plate. The magazine may then be inserted in the pistol.

(14.) Once the special **ERMA** caliber .22 Luger magazine is replaced, the pistol is ready to be fired completely automatically with caliber .22 Long Rifle ammunition. Feeding, firing, extraction and ejection are accomplished in exactly the same manner as when firing the Luger pistol with its normal 7.65 mm or 9 mm ammunition.

(15.) As a final safety feature, the **ERMA** caliber .22 conversion unit features a floating indicator pin which protrudes from the rear of the breech mechanism to indicate when it is cocked.

## Maintenance

(16.) To assure perfect functioning of your new ERMA caliber .22 conversion unit for Luger pistols, the following points should always be observed:

a) After the special insert barrel and breech mechanism have been inserted into the pistol, hand operate the breech mechanism a few times to be certain that it does not stick or bind at any point — this will confirm that it was correctly inserted according to the instructions.

b) The movable parts of the insert barrel must be kept sufficiently and properly oiled with a high viscosity oil.

c) Before firing, place a drop or two of oil on the top cartridge in the magazine so that the interior of the magazine will remain oiled during the firing.

d) Clean your ERMA caliber .22 automatic conversion unit after every use and keep it stored in the special case you purchased it in. Clean and oil your Luger pistol after every use, for then, together with your ERMA automatic conversion unit, you will be assured a lifetime of trouble-free and economic shooting.

Your ERMA caliber .22 automatic conversion unit is sold and serviced by leading dealers everywhere or directly through the exclusive U.S. distributors:

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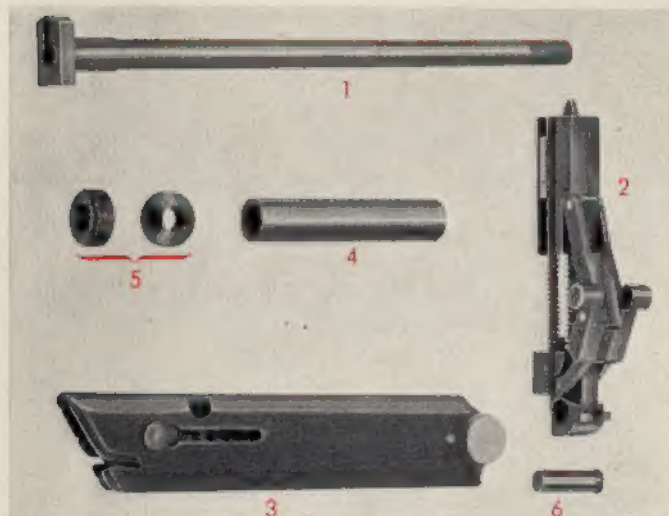
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**New model ERMA caliber .22 Luger  
automatic conversion unit, model SE 08**

**Illustrated break-down of parts**



1 Special insert barrel complete with chamber

2 Complete breech mechanism  
(Assembly)

3 Special ERMA caliber .22 Luger magazine

4 Insert barrel adapting sleeve

5 Insert barrel locking nuts

6 Original Luger master breech mechanism connecting pin  
- Not furnished -

